

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [0034], beginning on page 10, as follows.

[0034] Each of posts 56 has a central web 74 that lies in a vertical plane perpendicular to the plane 26 of car 20. Web 74 is tapered from a wide bottom adjacent main center sill 36 to a narrow top. The wide bottom portion is about 13 1/2 inches wide, and at the top portion the inward taper is such as to yield a 6 inch width of section at the junction of top chord assembly 62 and top truss 64. At the outboard extremities of web 74 there are left and right hand flanges 76 and 78 that each lie in a longitudinal plane inclined at an angle $[\alpha]$ defined (from the vertical) by the slope of the taper of web 74. In the preferred embodiment, $[\alpha]$ is roughly 1.45° . At the top of each post 56, 57 web 74 has been trimmed back to a pair of tabs 80, 82 at the ends of flanges 76, 78. This yields a seat, socket, relief, or rebate in the nature of a generally U-shaped notch or slot 84 into which top chord assembly 62 can seat.